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# **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 of the specification.

Please add the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 of the specification:

## **Background**

Please add the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 20 of the specification:

#### Summary

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 of the specification.

Please add the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 of the specification:

## **Brief Description of the Drawings**

Please add the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 4 of the specification:

### **Detailed Description**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 shows the lower part 20 of the wall outlet box with an inserted cable routing element 21 as well as sockets 22[[2]]. Two hinge-like shafts 25 are arranged on the respective two end faces 23 and 24 (see Figure 5), and the cover 1 can be hinged by means of the attachment means 14 on the hinge-like shafts 25. A groove 26 for the seal 40 is provided virtually around the entire circumference of the lower part 20 (see Figures 4 and 5). On the end

face 23, the lower part 20 has two first openings 27 for the electrical cables 28, and the openings 27 with the cables 28 can be sealed hermetically by means of sealing elements 29. The cable routing element 21 in each case has two U-shaped limbs 30, which are used for holding and securing the sockets 22. Clamping ribs 31 which point inwards are provided for this purpose on the upper face of the limbs 30 and slide over the upper face of the sockets 22. In a first operating mode, the cable routing element 21 is inserted into the lower part 20 such that the U-shaped limbs 30 rest on the end face 24. This is illustrated in Figure 3. In this case, the cover 1 is hinged by means of the attachment means 14 on the hinge-like shafts 25 on the end face 23. This means that, when the wall outlet box is mounted on the wall and the electrical cables 28 come from above, then the tapping by means of the plug, which is not illustrated, is produced from underneath. In order to route the electrical cable 28 in a defined manner within the wall outlet box, it is passed through the opening 27, is passed via a first cable routing path 32 from the opening 27 to the socket 22, where the electrical wires in the cable 28 are connected. The hingelike shafts 25 each have a latching depression 39, which is preferably arranged somewhat eccentrically. When the cover 1 is folded up through a limiting angle of, for example, 160°, the latching tab of the attachment means 14 slides into the latching depression, and locks the cover 1 in this position.